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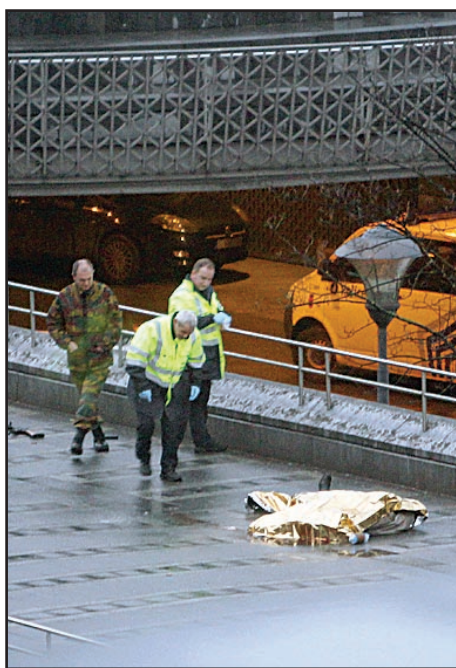
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They wish all our school children well and that they would learn in an exciting way about our their(our) own money.

Lone Belgian gunman kills four, injures scores



A body suspected to be the gunman who opened fire on a square packed with children and Christmas shoppers lies on the ground. (AFP PHOTO)

LIEGE (AFP) - A lone gunman armed with grenades opened fire on a square packed with children and Christmas shoppers in the Belgian city of Liege today killing three people and injuring scores more.

Officials named the gunman -- who was also killed in

circumstances that are not yet clear -- as Nordine Amrani, 33, a known criminal who had been summoned by police that morning but never showed up.

Scores of teenagers emerging from end-of-year exams were on the square awaiting buses home when the attack began.

Home affairs minister Joelle Milquet, who broke off European Union talks to dash to Liege, said 123 people had been injured in the attack five of whom were in critical condition in hospital.

The lunchtime attack sent terrified residents running for their lives, fleeing into churches and shops as the gunman fired on the crowded square.

The country's federal crisis center said it was neither a terrorist incident nor linked to a pending criminal trial.

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Yesterday at City Hall, Aruba Central Bank presented the government with sets of Aruban coins and bills specially minted and prepared as playful money to be used for teaching purposes at our primary schools.

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"It's very difficult to determine the reasons for the attack, but we're investigating all avenues," the centre's Benoit Ramacker told AFP.

King Albert II and Queen Paola rushed to the scene as did newly named Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo, who said: "The entire country feels the pain."

"It's uncertain yet whether he (Amrani) killed himself or whether his weapons exploded," public prosecutor Daniele Reynders told a news conference.

"He left his home this morning with his backpack and his arms," she said, adding that he had climbed on to the roof of a bakery shop "and fired and then threw three grenades."

The shooting took place around noon in Saint-Lambert square, home to the courthouse and located near a busy Christmas market in the town of 196,000 people.

Some initial reports said the attack was a foiled bid to rescue a suspect from the courthouse.

Police had raided Amrani's Liege home recently seeking cannabis plants but had found weapons instead. In 2008 he

was sentenced to almost five years behind bars for illegal possession of arms and growing cannabis. He was freed on parole in October 2010.

Reynders said that although the gunman had a record for drugs dealing, arms possession and holding stolen goods, there had never been a sign he was unbalanced in any way.

There was much initial confusion over the shooting as events unfolded, with initial reports of more than one gunman.

Residents had earlier told local television that shots were fired across the square by gunmen posted on the rooftop of a bakery and grenades hurled at bus shelters and into the courthouse.

Reports had also said that two to three gunmen armed with grenades were involved.

"The city centre is completely cordoned off. People are sheltering in shops or in buildings. Police are in position," said a town hall employee contacted by AFP.

"Luckily the mayor had postponed the opening of the Christmas market due to bad weather and high winds. Otherwise many more would have died," the employee added.



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Obama on 2012: 'We're going to win this thing'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama yesterday confidently predicted he would overcome tough odds and win his 2012 reelection fight, selling the premise of his campaign to influential donors.

"Here is my message to you. You guys stick with this. If you don't falter, if you stay steady we are going to win this thing," Obama told Democratic fundraisers in Washington as his bid for a second White House term heats up.

"We are going to win this thing and America is going to win as a consequence," Obama said in a short speech at a Washington hotel.

After failing to restore America to full prosperity after the worst economic crisis in

decades, Obama is vulnerable to his own low approval ratings and Republican criticism of his economic record and high unemployment.

"We are going to have to fight for it. It is not a slam dunk," Obama said, saying his historic 2008 election win came with the United States at a crossroads. "We haven't fully crossed the road and in some ways 2012 is even more important than it was four years ago."

"The choices could not be starker," Obama said, pressing home his theme that middle class Americans no longer have a "fair shot" in a country where the financial system is weighted towards the rich. "At a time when people have been battered by the worst financial



crisis since the Great Depression, it is understandable if people aren't feeling as chipper as they were in 2008."

"Yeah, this is going to be tough. But I just want to remind all of you that you didn't decide to support Barack Hussein Obama just because it was going to be easy."

Obama spoke as Republicans vying for his job in the November 2012 elections reach a critical stage of their contests to pick the party's candidate, with the first votes, in the Iowa caucuses, scheduled for three weeks time.

US safety body urges cell-phone ban while driving

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The top US transportation safety body recommended yesterday that all 50 US states impose a strict ban on the use of cell-phones -- both hand-held and hands-free -- while driving.

"No email, no text, no update, no call is worth a human life," National Transportation Safety Board chief Deborah Hersman said in a conference call with reporters. "We have seen too many accidents as a result of distraction."

The NTSB recommendation does not carry the force of law but its decisions are generally given serious consideration by federal and state authorities.

"This is a watershed recommendation for the NTSB," Hersman said.

"We know our recommendation is not going to be very popular with some people," she said. "But we're not here to win a popularity contest."

The NTSB recommended that US states ban all non-emergency use of personal electronic devices (PEDs) while driving including hand-held cellphones and hands-free

devices.

Hersman said it would be up to the states to determine the proper use of in-car devices such as GPS navigation systems.

"We do recognize that there are some technologies that can aid the driving task," she said.

The recommendation followed an investigation by the NTSB into a 2010 crash in Missouri in which a 19-year-old pickup driver who had been texting set off a chain-reaction collision that killed two people and injured 38.

In the August 5, 2010 accident, the pickup ran into the back of a truck that had slowed down because of road construction.

The pickup was rear-ended by a school bus which was then hit by another school bus. The pickup driver and a student on one of the buses died in the crash.

An NTSB probe revealed that the pickup driver had sent and received 11 text messages in the 11 minutes preceding the accident including one received just moments before striking the rear of the truck.



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Corito and his family flew to Aruba to celebrate his 88th birthday. Monica, who is Corito's daughter, decided to put together a special welcoming party for her father at the last minute. Half of the family had already flown to Aruba a day early, and so they decided that they wanted to surprise Corito with a special welcome by the Kukoo Kunuku Paranda Bus.

Monica called the office of Aruba Adventures to arrange for the Kukoo Kunuku to pick up her father at 5:00pm that same day. The Kukoo Kunuku staff quickly gathered the resources together to make this welcome party a reality for

Monica's family and her father. As a result, Corito and the other half of the family were welcomed at the Arrivals terminal with flower leis, carnival beads, shaking maracas and a loud Happy Birthday chant that echoed throughout the terminal. After the meet and greet in the terminal, Monica and her family proceeded to board the Kukoo Kunuku bus for an unforgettable ride to their hotel.

The group was sure to let everyone know that it was Corito's 88th birthday celebration in Aruba, as they chanted and danced to the music that was playing on the bus.

Happy Birthday Corito and Welcome to ARUBA!

Memorial Catalog issued from the Ministry of Culture for "Verbonden"



Participating artists with curators Eefje and Jan van der Straten



Golden Celebration of the Silver
handpainted silk shawl by Rosalie Klein
2011

Throughout this year, Aruba is celebrating 25 years of "Status Aparte," autonomy within the Dutch Kingdom, with various cultural, social and historically retrospective events, usually opening on the 18th of each month, relating to Aruba's National Day, March 18th. Minister of Social and Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar was present to officially open the exhibition.

On November 18, the commemorative event was a new group exposition at the Westin Art Gallery titled "Verbonden" - "United" with 30 of Aruba's most respected artists

participating. The collection features paintings in various mediums, sculptures, collages, photographs with accompanying poetry, blown glass, neon lights on buildings and silk painting. The works ranged from tributes to the island and the Motherland of Holland, to some biting critical social commentary, and the collection is unquestionably thought-provoking and

complex.

On Monday evening, December 12, the artists were invited to discourse to interested parties on their individual works, and also receive a beautiful commemorative catalog issue by the Ministry of Culture, which will also become a part of the nation's archives.



E Cosecha
Acrylic on canvas by Elvis Tromp
2011

The contributing artists are: Annemike van Vliet, Alida Martinez, Anita Seuren, Desiree Sporkslede, Elisa Lejuez, Eefje van der Straten, Edmond Tujeehut, Elvis Tromp, Frank Croes, Grace Ashruf, Glenda Heyliger, Harold Bronswinkel, Irene Peterson, Joseph Miklojck, Lara Kuiperi, Marian Abath, Margriet Blanken, Mo Mohamad, Miriam de l'Isle, Nigel Matthew, Osaira Muyale, Ryan Oduber, Rosalie Klein, Rhona Lemminga, Stan Kuiperi, Sherry Douglas, Timothy Charles, Reginald de Palm and Nelson Gonzalez.

The works will be on display until January 18th; the Westin Gallery is located just off the main lobby and is open 24/7 for viewing the art. A gallery representative is present every Wednesday and Friday afternoon to facilitate purchasing any pieces, or a number is posted to call and arrange an appointment.

by Rosalie Klein

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Top three dive sites to dive in this beautiful island

When I am not studying medicine I volunteer at the weekends teaching PADI courses and introducing divers to this magical underwater world. I've written this article to make all divers aware of how exceptional this small island is.

Aruba is an island located 27km/ 17 miles from Venezuela. Together with Bonaire and Curacao they are called the ABC islands in the Caribbean. The island is commonly visited by cruise ships for relaxing vacations. However, most individuals don't know that this island has more to offer than shopping and white beaches with all the accommodations included. Daily airlines flying to Aruba from United States such as American Airlines, US Airways and Delta airlines. Warm and clear water temperatures ranging from 75F/24C make Aruba an exquisite place for scuba diving. In fact, this happy island has more than 20 dive sites all around from North to South and East to West for beginners, intermediates and professionals. Here are the top 3 best places to dive in Aruba.

1-Fingers reef (20-120'feet)

When arriving at this beautiful dive site with the best vis-

ibility in the island it is possible to observe that the reef comes out like fingers pointing down deeper water. Weekly, PADI S.E. Aruba Fly and Dive Center takes divers to this unbelievable place only when is the right time in order to get the most of it. Rich in soft and hard coral formations with countless tropical fish, green moray eels and turtles cruising by. For PADI Open Water students a privilege to dive this place for the beauty of the reef and the positive feedback received is tremendous. Specially, during month of March, Manta rays are seen by divers at depths of 10-40 feet and when they are spotted it's like an underwater circus for all. These passing mantas tend to come really close and it is one of the best attractions when you are lucky to be in the warm water with them.

2-Jane Sea Wreck (20-100'feet)

Local dive shops and records have shown that this 749 tons and 190 ft long wreck was used to transport cement from Venezuela to Aruba. At the end, the wreck was transporting another type of white powder called cocaine. Authorities confiscated the wreck and



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dive shops in Aruba decided to make it one of the dive sites. The freighter lies upright on the ocean floor. The bow is located in 65 feet of water while the stern is in 94 feet underwater. Local dive center, try to protect the reef by using floating buoys that are hooked at the bottom of the ocean to prevent anchors destroying the reef. This amazing artificial reef served as home to giant schools of barracudas, huge school of sardines and other pelagic fish. Green moray eels and octopus are also frequent visitors to this languishing dive. Small doors have been made for advanced

divers to go through the wreck resulting in an unforgettable experience.

3-The Antilla Wreck (40-60 feet)

The Antilla was a German freighter built in 1939. It was 400 feet long and weighed more than 3000 tons. It was an unarmed ship used by the Germans during World War II to supply their submarines with food. In 1940, The Antilla was moored off the coast of Aruba. The authorities in Aruba demanded the captain to surrender the ship. As an acute captain, he asked the authorities for a day to communicate

to all the marines about throwing the white flag. Authorities accepted and they did not acknowledge what was coming. The next day, the captain submerged and abandoned the ship in order to prevent its capture. Sadly, no one made it back to Aruba until today.

On the other hand, this amazing and favorite wreck lies in less than 60 feet of water and hosts shoals of moray eels, sting rays, yellow grunts, trunkfish, hogfish, angel fish, pompanos, great barracudas and other fish. Once a year, whale sharks have been spotted eating plankton in this long wreck for some lucky divers to observe. Nowadays, gliding through the wreck is recommended only with Dive masters who know the wreck. It is also an excellent photo opportunity for all.

Aruba is a tropical island that is well known for relaxation. Therefore, I recommend that everyone to visit this island, and enjoy the real scuba diving and relaxation it offers!

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Honduran journalists face 'growing threat'

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) -- AFP photo shows a woman with her mouth taped as she takes part in a protest against the murder of journalists, in Tegucigalpa yesterday.

Journalists in Honduras are facing growing danger, the country's human rights commissioner has warned.

In the past two years, and under the government of Porfirio Lobo, 17 journalists have been killed in Honduras.

Honduras has the highest murder rate in the world: 82 killings per 100,000 people, according to the UN.



Venezuela's CITGO resumes US energy aid effort

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Venezuelan-owned oil group CITGO announced plans yesterday to resume its winter energy assistance program to needy US consumers, a move which has drawn kudos from some but has also been denounced as propaganda.

CITGO, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela, said its program offering heating oil will help more than 400,000 people this year in 25

US states, including 250 homeless shelters.

"CITGO is very proud to mark the seventh anniversary of our heating oil program," said CITGO president and chief executive Alejandro Granado.

"We don't want families to have to choose between heating their homes or buying basic necessities such as food or medicine. No one should be forced to make those types of decisions."

Canada deals blow to climate talks drive

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Canada's withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol marks a slap in the face for marathon efforts to bring all countries under one legal roof in the fight against climate change, but the impact may be limited.

Canada yesterday became the first country formally to quit the landmark 1997 treaty on global warming as it sought to avoid paying penalties of up to CAN\$14 billion (US\$13.6 billion) for missing targets on cutting carbon emissions.

The decision by conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government came barely a day after UN talks in Durban, South Africa ended in a general agreement to put all nations eventually under one climate treaty.

Environmentalists say that binding action is vital to achieving the types of emission cuts that scientists warn are needed if the world is to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, including growing natural disasters.

Josh Laughren, director of WWF-Canada's climate and energy program, said that the decision "really relegates Canada to the margins" of international climate diplomacy.

"On the heels of a fragile agreement in Durban, it doesn't breed hope. But in the end, even legally binding international treaties and protocols are only as good as the will of governments to implement them," he said.

Canada joins the United States as the only major industrialized nation to shun the Kyoto Protocol. Former president George W. Bush rejected the treaty after taking office in 2001, saying it was unfair by making no demands of emerging countries such as China and India.

Canada's decision set off a storm of international protest. French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero called the announcement "bad news for the fight against climate change."

China, which is the world's

largest emitter and has only reluctantly agreed to Western-led efforts to seek a global pact on climate change, urged Canada to "face up to its responsibilities and obligations" and "honor its commitments."

Elizabeth May, the leader of Canada's Green Party, said that she was worried about her country's reputation, asking in parliament in Ottawa: "Who will ever think we're a trustworthy nation again?"

But some experts doubted the impact of the move, noting that Canada accounts for around two percent of global emissions blamed for climate change and that the European Union and Japan have vowed to meet Kyoto commitments.

Alden Meyer of the US-based Union of Concerned Scientists, which supports action on climate change, said Canada was an "aberration" in the global trend. "Canada is really an insignificant player in terms of emissions and in diplomatic leadership in this process," Meyer said.

Child sex case against US ex-coach to go to trial

BELLEFONTE (AFP) - Former Penn State assistant American football coach Jerry Sandusky waived a preliminary hearing in his child sex case yesterday, sending it directly to trial.

Sandusky, 67, who is accused of molesting 10 boys over an 11 year period, waived his right to the hearing in an appearance before a judge here. The abrupt decision surprised many in the court, which had been preparing to hear evidence so that the judge could decide whether there was enough evidence to order a trial.

"We will stay the course and fight for four quarters," Sandusky told reporters outside the courthouse, using a

football term.

"We'll wait for the opportunity to present our side. We couldn't do that today," he said.

The former assistant coach of one of America's most lucrative and successful university football teams is accused of recruiting victims through a charity he ran, The Second Mile Foundation, which was established to serve disadvantaged youths.

Prosecutors, who had been expecting to put 11 witnesses on the stand to testify against Sandusky yesterday, said they were surprised at the waiver, given the statements of innocence Sandusky's defense team has made in recent weeks.

However, Deputy Attorney

General Marc Costanzo said he was also relieved.

"This development we believe provides maximum protection to, most importantly, the victims in this case," he said "It avoids their having to testify for a second time. They will, of course, testify at trial in the case."

Michael Boni, an attorney for a man referred to as Victim #1 in the grand jury report, also welcomed the chance to avoid the potentially traumatic preliminary hearing.

There was speculation afterwards that Sandusky's decision to waive his right to the preliminary hearing might be because he hopes to strike a plea bargain and avoid trial.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rival Libyan demos rock Benghazi

BENGHAZI (AFP) - Rival protests for and against Libya's ruling National Transitional Council yesterday packed squares in the eastern city of Benghazi, epicenter of the uprising which ousted Moamer Kadhafi.

Chants of "Down with the new regime!" from disgruntled anti-NTC protesters were met in equal voice with slogans like "The people want Mustafa Abdel Jalil!" from supporters of the NTC and its chief.

Abdel Jalil has been singled out since Monday by hundreds of protesters in the city over his recent remarks that the North African country's new rulers were ready to forgive pro-Kadhafi fighters.

These protesters say there is a lack of transparency about the NTC's activities.

Libya's new rulers have been under fire for the first time after the ouster of Kadhafi in a brutal revolution which erupted in Benghazi in February and spread across the entire country before ending with the killing of the former dictator.

"It is not that we are attacking Mustafa Jalil personally, but he is surrounded by corrupt NTC members. He is unable to control things," said one protester, adding that various

groups had prepared a list of demands.

The protesters' main demand, according to the list, was that top priority be given to former rebels and those wounded in the revolution.

It also said that NTC members must not participate in the election of a national congress.

But not everybody in the city was against the NTC.

More than 1,000 also gathered in the landmark Tahrir (Liberation) Square to demonstrate their backing for the NTC and Abdel Jalil.

Crowds of men and women chanted "The people want Mustafa Abdel Jalil!" and "Libya, Libya!" in Tahrir Square where several demonstrations were held against Kadhafi in the initial days of the revolution.

Faced with angry calls, the NTC late on Monday announced that Benghazi would be the country's future economic capital.

On Monday, Abdel Jalil himself called on people to be patient. "I want to reassure Libyans that a lot will be done. Be patient," he said, promising more transparency.

"The NTC will start its own website on which the list of its members and the activities of the NTC will be made public."

Syrian defectors hit back as death toll tops 5,000

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Army defectors ambushed a Syrian security patrol yesterday, killing seven in revenge for a raid that cost 11 civilian lives, activists said, as the UN estimated more than 5,000 have died in the crackdown.

State media said Syrian border guards shot dead two "terrorists" from Turkey in other violence after a UN Security Council meeting at which Western nations stepped up pressure to condemn the deadly campaign against dissent.

At the meeting, UN rights chief Navi Pillay gave the latest death toll -- amounting to a

jump of 1,000 in less than two weeks -- as she appealed to the Council to launch a crimes against humanity case.

Pillay's private briefing to the 15-nation council -- where Russia and China blocked a resolution condemning Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in October -- heightened divisions over how to respond to the Syrian violence.

She told reporters she had given the new toll of more than 5,000 dead -- including some 300 children -- and recommended that the crackdown by Assad's regime be referred to the International Criminal

Court.

"The widespread and systematic nature of the killings, the detentions and the acts of torture -- I felt that these acts constituted crimes against humanity," said Pillay.

The "intolerable" situation in Syria -- where more than 14,000 people have been detained -- has seen 12,400 flee into neighbouring countries since protests erupted in March, she said.

"Inaction by the international community will embolden Syrian authorities, and ensure perpetrators go unpunished," Pillay said.

Bolivia asks EU, UN for anti-drug helicopters, radar

LA PAZ (AFP) - Bolivia, the world's third largest cocaine producer, will ask the European Union and United Nations to provide helicopters and radars to fight drug trafficking, President Evo Morales said yesterday.

"We are going to make this request official soon," he said. "I would see that not as cooperation, but as an obligation, to more effectively fight drug trafficking in Bolivia."

Bolivia recently acquired three light Chinese-Pakistani-built K-8 aircraft to intercept drug flights or conduct ground surveillance, and they are expected to go into service soon.

Bolivia has been eagerly seeking ways to boost and diversify foreign aid for its drug trafficking programs since expelling the US Drug Enforcement Administration in 2008.

EU commissioner visits the Ukraine's ex-PM in jail

KIEV (AFP) - Photo shows the Ukraine's former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko held behind bars by a supporter during a mass rally in front of Ukrainian court in Kiev yesterday.

EU enlargement commissioner Stefan Fule visited former Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko in prison after her jailing sparked a crisis between the Ukraine and the West, officials said yesterday.

In a highly unusual step, Fule met Tymoshenko at the Lukyanovsky jail in Kiev where she has begun serving her seven year jail sentence for abuse of power after a trial



which was vehemently criticised by the European Union.

A Kiev court yesterday resumed hearing Tymoshenko's appeal against her jail term, which she insists was ordered

by President Viktor Yanukovich as punishment for daring to oppose his rule.

There has also been growing alarm over her health, which her supporters say has left her bed-ridden with chronic back problems. Tymoshenko was not in court for the appeal due to her state of health.

However over 1,500 of her supporters staged a noisy demonstration outside the courthouse, whistling, brandishing portraits of the opposition leader and waving the flags of her party. They shouted "Freedom for Yulia!" and "Down with the criminal gang!", in reference to the government.

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US urges shorter treatment for TB

WASHINGTON (AFP)-US health authorities are urging a 12-week drug regimen for people with latent tuberculosis as an effective alternative to the current nine-month regimen which many people do not finish.

People age 12 and over who test positive for TB or have been exposed but show no symptoms are among those who could benefit from the shorter treatment, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

A total of 8.8 million people around the world fell ill with the contagious lung disease last year and 1.4 million died, according to the World Health Organization.

Three randomized controlled trials have shown that a new combination regimen that includes isoniazid (INH) and rifapentine (RPT), given weekly under a doctor's supervision, "is as effective for preventing TB as other regimens," the CDC said.

The shorter treatment "is more likely to be completed than the US standard regimen of nine months of INH daily without" a doctor's supervision, it added in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Tuberculosis develops in five to 10 percent of people who get infected by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, usually after a period of six to 18 months when the infection lies dormant, but it can endure decades in some people.

Isoniazid (INH) is the only medication approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for preventive therapy against latent TB.

"However, self-supervised daily INH regimens have completion rates of 60% or less in typical settings, attributable largely to the duration of six or more months," the CDC said.

In cases in which the TB is believed to be a drug-resistant strain, patients are often given daily rifampin (RIF) for four months.

The new, shorter treatment combines a similar antibiotic to RIF, known as rifapentine (RPT), which works as a microbicide against TB and is approved by the FDA for off-label use against TB.

The CDC recommended the shorter combination treatment for people over 12 who have been recently exposed to TB, have tested positive for infection or show evidence of healed pulmonary TB after a radiological scan.

"HIV-infected patients who are otherwise healthy and are not taking antiretroviral medications also are included in this category," it added.

In order to choose which approach is best, patients and doctors should consider whether there is adequate access to a physician for weekly treatments, how easy or hard it is to get the drugs, and personal preference, the CDC said.

Buddhist activist jailed for 5 years in Vietnam

HANOI (AFP) - A Vietnamese activist from a minority Buddhist sect was sentenced to five years in prison on Tuesday in a case denounced as religious persecution by a leading human rights group.

Nguyen Van Lia, a 71-year-old Hoa Hao Buddhist, was jailed following a trial in the southwestern province of An Giang for "abusing democratic freedom to undermine the state interest", a local judicial source told AFP.

Under the Vietnamese criminal code, the charge can lead to a maximum of seven years in jail.

"This kind of harsh sentence is outrageous and unacceptable against an elderly activist who was peacefully professing and defending his faith," said Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch (HRW).

The sentence "flies in the face of Vietnam's commit-

ments to uphold international human rights treaties... that the government of Vietnam has ratified," he added.

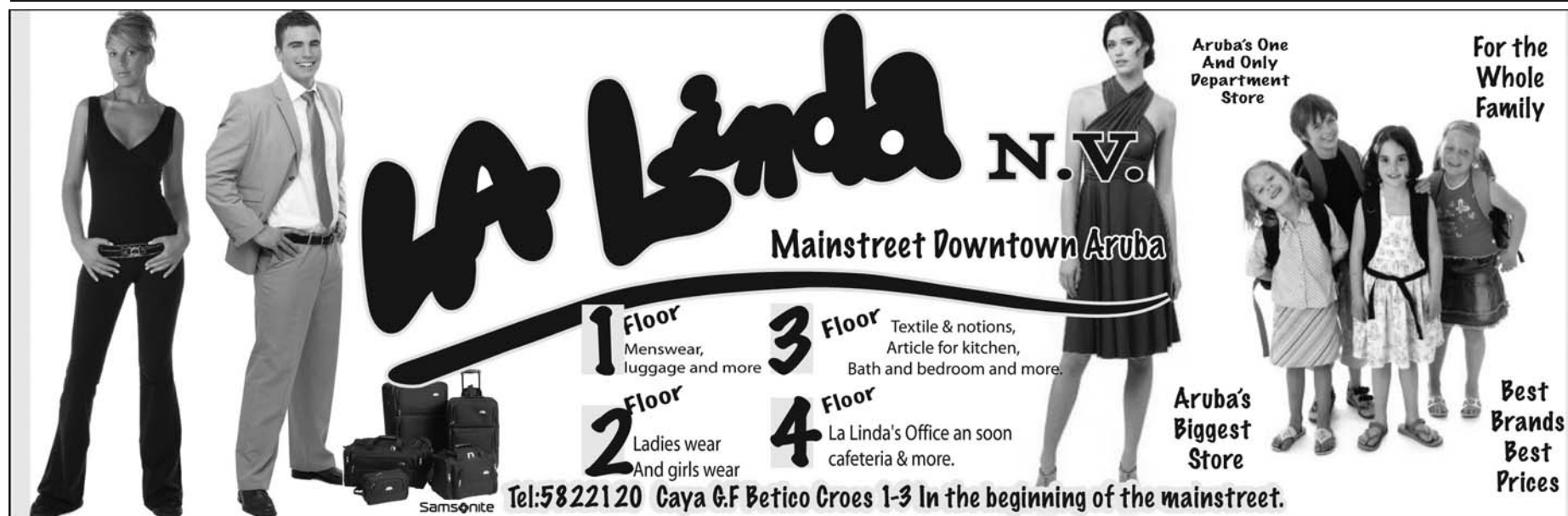
The Hoa Hao sect is officially recognised by Vietnam's communist regime but a section of its membership has broken away and opposes government control over religion.

HRW said at least 13 other Hoa Hao members are serving lengthy sentences in Vietnam's jails.

The rights group, which called for Lia's release ahead of his trial so that he could seek proper medical treatment, said his family had "publicly raised serious concerns about the deterioration of his health".

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Lia was also sentenced to 18 months in prison in 2003 for commemorating the anniversary of the death of a Hoa Hao Buddhist founder, HRW said.



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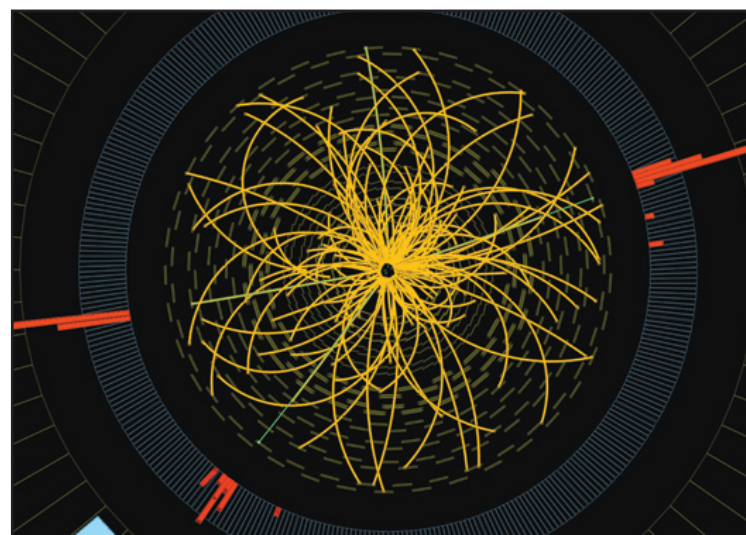
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Scientists narrow search for 'God particle'



A document provided on Dec. 13, 2011 by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva shows a graphic presenting traces of proton-proton collision measured in the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment.

GENEVA (AFP) - Physicists said on Tuesday that they had narrowed the search for the elusive sub-atomic Higgs boson particle that would confirm the way science describes the Universe.

Experiments at Europe's giant atom smasher have "reduced the window where scientists think they will find the Higgs boson," also known as the God Particle, said Bruno Mansoulie, a researcher at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN).

The Higgs boson is the missing link in the so-called Standard Model of physics, which explains how the basic building blocks of observed

matter fit together.

Its existence -- if confirmed -- would explain in a single stroke the mystery of what gives this invisible constellation of particles mass.

Such a discovery would rank in importance with major breakthroughs of the last century, going back to Einstein's first formulation of quantum physics.

For now, however, the cagey boson only exists in theory.

If it turns out to be a mirage, it would force scientists back to the drawing board to rewrite the textbook of particle physics.

CERN reported on Tuesday the midpoint results from two

separate experiments that independently arrived at the same conclusion.

The Web-cast presentation was made before several hundred scientists in an atmosphere charged with excitement and punctuated with applause.

Taken together, the results provide "tantalising hints" that the sought-after particle is hiding inside a narrow range of mass, CERN said in a statement.

"If it exists, it is most likely to have a mass constrained to the range of 116 to 130 giga-electronvolts (GeV)," CERN said, using the standard measure for the mass of sub-atomic particles.

One GeV is roughly equivalent to the mass of a proton.

Both experiments showed telltale activity at a sweet spot around 125 GeV.

"It's too early to draw definitive conclusions, we need more data," said Fabiola Gianotti, head of the ATLAS group.

"But we have established a solid foundation for passionately exciting months ahead," she said, adding that a definitive answer was expected within 12 months.

The new results have a higher degree of certainty -- 99 percent -- but still fall well below the threshold of discovery.

"For scientists, certainty requires a threshold of a no greater than five in ten million chance of error," Daniel

Fournier, an Atlas researcher, told AFP.

Both experiments were conducted at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), a 27-kilometre (16.9-mile) ring-shaped tunnel straddling the French-Swiss border 100 metres (325 feet) below ground.

After a shaky start, the world's biggest atom smasher has ramped up power to record levels, allowing scientists to sift through the debris of near speed-of-light collisions more quickly than expected.

"We are at the beginning, but the progress has been huge. Very few people thought we would be where we are," said Guido Tonelli, leader of the second major experiment, known as CMS.

Even if CERN does flush out the Higgs boson sometime next year, it will complete the picture for only that small slice of matter that is known.

"Don't forget that the Standard Model only explains four percent of the Universe," Rolf Heuer, Director General of CERN, said at a press conference. "We have a long way to go."

Scientists speculate that the other 96 percent of the Universe consists of dark matter (26 percent) and dark energy (70 percent), neither of which has been directly observed.

Kindle Fire software update on the way

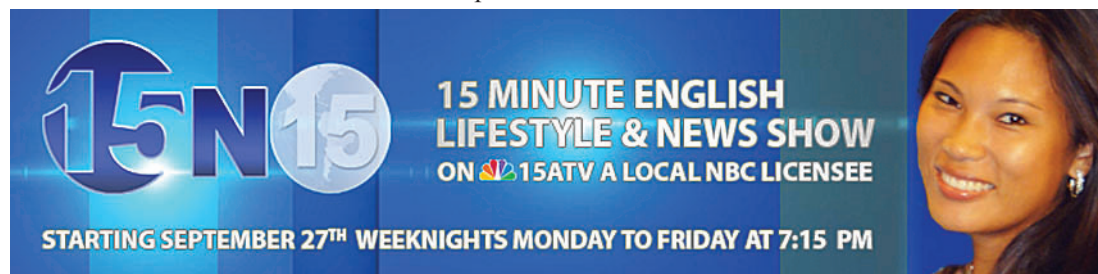
(AFP) - Amazon said yesterday that a software update to improve the performance of Kindle Fire tablets will be released within two weeks.

The Seattle-based online retail titan sidestepped whether the upgrade was a response to complaints such as Internet browsing speed and wireless connection trouble that have arisen since the iPad challenger launched in mid-November.

Amazon did not release exact sales figures but said that it has sold millions of Fire tablets and that demand remained strong.

"Kindle Fire is the most successful product we've ever launched," Amazon said in an email response to an AFP inquiry. "In fact, in less than two weeks, we're rolling out an over-the-air update to Kindle Fire that will improve performance, touch navigation, and give customers the option to choose what items display on the carousel."

Amazon has slashed prices of the Kindle e-readers and set a below-cost price for the Fire -- a rival of Apple's iPad -- with an eye at boosting sales of e-books, music and movies from its online store, analysts say.



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14. Mine product
15. "___ a Great Notion" (Kesey)
17. Soccer's Hamm
18. Siberian river
19. Bargain
21. Hovered over
24. Greeting from a Beetle driver
25. Chemical prefix
26. Drove very fast

DOWN

30. "Little Things Mean ___"
32. Feature of a needle
33. ___ processing
34. Deteriorate
36. Coquettish
37. Moves like Peter Cottontail
38. Blissful places
40. Make temporary stitches
42. Rabbit's look-alike
44. Sense of self-importance
45. Like the girl next door
50. Robot banker
51. With the greatest of ___

52. Kristofferson or Kringle
53. Half of an African fly
54. Colors
55. Pierre's "without"

DOWN

1. Author Pamela ___ Barres
2. Past
3. Hoover or Aswan
4. Designer Simpson
5. Bread: Fr.
6. Humorous author Bombeck
7. Width of Shaq's shoes
8. Person with

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9. Unspecified location
10. Prima donna's piece
11. It's shook on
16. Jack and Bobby's little bro
20. ___ off (annoyed)
21. How-to book illus.
22. Peace Prize city
23. Delectable
24. Raised dogs
26. Quilting parties
27. "Absolutely, Captain"
28. Short jacket
29. "End of ___" (Schwarzenegger film)
31. Spree
35. Erupted
38. Prior, poetically
39. Office furniture
40. Defeat
41. Representatives: abbr.
42. Watering tube
43. Smooth brews
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48. Time period: abbr.
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Finance

Euro falls below \$1.31 for first time since January

LONDON (AFP) - The euro fell yesterday below \$1.31 for the first time since January amid unrelenting concern about the eurozone debt crisis.

At 1605 GMT the euro was trading at \$1.3057, its lowest level since January 12, and then stabilised around \$1.3075.

Kathleen Brooks at Forex.com said that the slide may have due to German Chancellor Merkel's rejection of calls to raise the upper limit of the European Stability

Mechanism rescue fund, which currently stands at 500 billion euros.

Some countries want to increase the level of the eurozone's permanent bailout fund that is now due to come into operation in mid-2012 as 500 billion euros would be insufficient to handle a potential rescue of Italy and Spain.

Michael Hewson at CMC markets said Merkel's comments renewed concerns that European leaders failed to

fully agree on how to resolve the debt crisis despite agreeing in principle to adopt much stronger budgetary coordination.

"The single currency continues to find any sort of progress difficult to sustain and the comments out of Germany from Merkel about the ESM suggest that EU policy-makers are as far away as ever to a communal and uniform approach to the debt crisis," Hewson said.

AFP photo shows people protesting against the government's austerity measures, on December 13, 2011 in Lille, northern France. This protest called by the main workers trade-unions (CGT, CFDT, FSU, Solidaires and Unsa) took place after the government's second plan and after the euro area leaders agreed during the EU summit in Brussels last week on a "golden rule" to tighten budgetary discipline to prevent a repeat of the debt crisis.



Merkel: nuclear exit will create more jobs than destroys

BERLIN (AFP) - Chancellor Angela Merkel said yesterday that Germany's planned abandonment of nuclear energy would ultimately create more employment than it destroys, after announced job losses in the sector.

"All in all, the new energy policy will create more jobs than will be lost," she told reporters, after French nuclear

giant Areva became the latest of several big energy companies to announce it was axing posts.

Merkel said that the announcements were company decisions which were "the result of long-term developments and are not related to a single cause."

Following Japan's massive March 11 Fukushima disaster, the German government de-

cided to permanently switch off Germany's eight oldest reactors and to close by 2022 nine others currently on line.

EON and RWE, Germany's two biggest power suppliers, have both cited Berlin's decision to abandon nuclear power as the reason for wide restructuring plans.

EON plans to cut up to 11,000 jobs worldwide, while press reports say losses at RWE could reach 8,000. Both groups also face, however, profitability problems with their gas- and coal-fired plants as well as with subsidiaries abroad.

Areva also plans to cut up to 1,500 jobs in Germany.

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Monetary policy December 2011 issued by the Aruba Central Bank

ORANJESTAD -- During the meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of December 5, 2011 it was decided, based upon the available economic and monetary data, to maintain the reserve requirement rate at 11 percent, and to leave the advance rate percentage of 1 percent unchanged. One of the most important considerations for this policy stance is that, although Aruba's net foreign assets position decreased somewhat (October 2011: -1.1 percent compared to December 2010), the current position is considered adequate, based on net foreign assets to GDP, and net foreign assets to money supply ratios. The growth in aggregate outstanding credit at the commer-

cial banks for the year up to October 2011 was 2.5 percent, surpassing the CBA forecast of 2.0 percent for the year 2011 as a whole. This growth is mainly attributed to rises in housing mortgages and business loans of, respectively, 4.2 percent and 3.5 percent. In addition, the indicators of inflation remained within an acceptable range, although it was noted that inflation is accelerating quickly as a result of the utility prices.

The CBA will continue to closely follow the developments in the economic and monetary fundamentals. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for January 27, 2012.

US ports reopen as protesters claim blockade victory

OAKLAND (AFP) - Ports along the US West Coast resumed working normally yesterday a day after "occupy" protesters claimed victory in blockading the maritime gateway for Asian trade into north America.

One port was fully closed down for the day Monday, while freight traffic was disrupted at several others including in Oakland, as activists opened a new front on the anti-

capitalist campaign.

Thousands of demonstrators had rallied after a day of action from California to Alaska. A group of around 150 activists in Oakland stayed up to disrupt workers arriving for Tuesday's 3:00 am (1100 GMT) shift.

At 3:45 am organizers Occupy Oakland declared victory, saying the companies owning shipping terminals had canceled the 3:00 am shift.

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Netherlands	EUR	232.64	234.76	237.12
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Denmark	DKK	30.61	31.33	32.13
Norway	NOK	29.48	30.20	31.00
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Spielberg announces new Tintin movie



US director Steven Spielberg poses near an image of Tintin on a train in Paris.

(AFP) - Steven Spielberg announced in New York a sequel to his 3D movie version of the comic book hero Tintin.

He told a press conference on week-end that "Lord of the

Rings" director Peter Jackson would direct the new film and that he had already chosen the book by the Belgian author Herge that would serve as the basis for the script.

Spielberg was promoting the US premiere on December 21 of his "Adventures of Tintin: Secret of the Unicorn," which already premiered in Brussels in October and has been on European, Middle Eastern and Indian release.

In the sequel, the comic books' bumbling Thompson detective twins "have a much bigger role," Spielberg said.

This time, Spielberg will produce and Jackson will direct, swapping their roles in "Unicorn."

"It's being written right now and he's directing it after he does 'The Hobbit' and I'll produce it with him as he's produced this with me," Spielberg said.

"We have the story and we have the book we're adapting from Herge and we can't wait to get started."

Chelsea Clinton makes debut as TV reporter



NEW YORK (AFP)-After a lifetime of guarding her privacy, Chelsea Clinton made her debut as a reporter on US national television with a feature about a non-profit organization dedicated to poor children in Arkansas.

Clinton, 31, appeared poised as she reported the feel-good segment on Annette Dove, a volunteer who takes troubled youngsters in the poverty-struck city of Pine Bluff under her wing.

"Hi Chelsea, we're so glad to have you!" Dove exclaims on camera in the pre-recorded report, which aired on NBC's "Rock Center with Brian Williams" show. At one point, Clinton and Dove discuss hearing gunshots in the run-down neighborhood.

After, Clinton appears in the NBC studio and tells the presenter: "I'm really grateful to be here with you."

Saying that she "did deliberately lead a private life" until now, she explains she was "cajoled" by her recently deceased grandmother to become more public and said "I hope I will make her proud."

The daughter of former president Bill Clinton and current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has lived nearly entirely out of the public eye. Her marriage last year to a little-known hedge fund employee caused a rare media frenzy.

The decision to accept such a high-profile media job has prompted speculation that Clinton may wish to follow her parents into politics. Some have criticized the way she was able to get a job without ever having worked in journalism.

In addition to starting to report for "Rock Center with Brian Williams," Clinton is set Wednesday to host PBS's live broadcast of "The Nutcracker" ballet being staged at the Lincoln Center in New York.

Bangladesh to air transgender reality TV show



Transgendered Bangladeshis display outfits during a fashion show

(AFP) - A Bangladeshi television channel said this week it was launching the country's first reality show for transgender people in an effort to break down widespread suspicion of the country's "hijra" community.

The ATN Bangla show, "Amra Tomadery" (We are for you), is now accepting applications to be one of around 40 contestants who will showcase their dancing and acting skills to win audience votes.

"The aim is to end the taboos that are associated with hijras," the show's producer Mokaddem Babu told AFP.

"Hijras are our sons or our daughters, yet we treat them as if they are not part of us. The show wants to break down these barriers," Babu said.

Across South Asia, hijra communities of transvestites, eunuchs and asexual people are among the most marginalised groups in traditionally conservative societies.

The new show is the latest in a series of attempts by both the Bangladeshi government and the private sector to integrate hijras -- who number around half a million people nationwide -- into mainstream society.

It will be recorded in January and air in February, Babu said, adding that major Bangladeshi music and film stars would be on the judging panel.

In October more than 1,000 hijras rallied in the capital Dhaka for a government-sponsored demonstration to raise awareness about their rights.

ATN Bangla, the country's most-watched privately-owned channel, last week also started a late-night drama serial about hijras.

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Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

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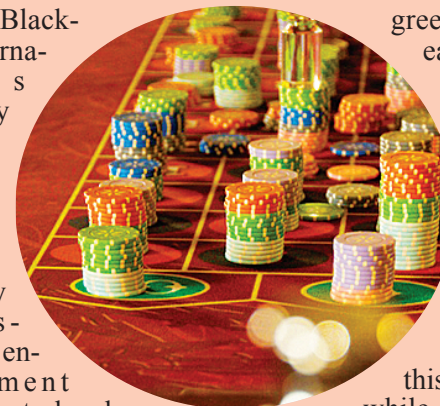
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Regalo" with local media personality Ruben Garcia and Aruba's own "Sean Kingston" – Biggy Boy, who will be launching his new CD live from Cool Casino.

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ITF champs: Djokovic, and Kvitova



Kvitova and Djokovic: Wimbledon and world champions.

LONDON — Serbian star Novak Djokovic and Czech hander Petra Kvitova were named as the 2011 International Tennis Federation world champions on Tuesday.

Djokovic is the first man not named Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal to win the award since 2003.

Kvitova is a first-time winner of the award, while the twin American Bryan brothers, Bob and Mike, corralled the

men's doubles honor for an eighth time.

The 24-year-old Djokovic was the U.S. Open, Wimbledon and Australian Open champion and captured 10 titles overall, including a tour-record five Masters titles. The super Serb opened his year with a record-tying 42-match winning streak.

Djokovic went 70-6 and reached No. 1 for the first time in his career this past season.

The 21-year-old world No. 2 Kvitova captured her first career Grand Slam title by beating former world No. 1 Maria Sharapova in the Wimbledon final this past summer, won the prestigious season-ending WTA Championships, and led the Czech Republic to its first Fed Cup title.

Kvitova edged out No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki -- last year's ITF champion -- in the voting.

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Together with Tan and many other Dutchmen known to the



world of sports, music and dance, SVBN organizes street football tournaments in the barrios needing positive attention.

According to Davids, "...we stimulate the citizens of the barrios to join with us and organize tournaments, but many other things common to football. Music, food and drinks are always plentiful, making each event a real big fiesta."

Davids has noted that the football tournaments have a very positive effect on the barrios. People put aside their

cultural differences and discovers what unites them. They communicate with each other. Young people have something pleasant to do, and are stimulated to go to school and put their talents to good use.

Davids encouraged the government of Aruba to work together on realizing this project. He said, "Aruba should be able to practice street football. Aruba does not need any help from abroad to do this, and I would be delighted to come back periodically to play some football."

NFL playoffs

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Adding to the Cowboys' woes, running back DeMarco Murray broke his right ankle, ending his record-setting rookie season.

New England defeated the Redskins 34-27 in Washington, where the Patriots' Rob Gronkowski set an NFL single-season record for most touchdown catches by a tight end with his 14th and 15th.

Atlanta stayed alive in the NFC wild card race as they rallied for a 31-23 victory over Carolina and Detroit gained a valuable 34-28 victory over Minnesota.

The New York Jets fueled their playoff hopes with a 37-10 victory over Kansas City. Arizona surprised playoff-bound San Francisco 21-19 as John Skelton came in for injured Cardinals QB Kevin

Kolb and threw for three touchdowns.

San Diego kept their slim playoff hopes alive and eliminated Buffalo from post-season contention with a 37-10 triumph.

Philadelphia welcomed quarterback Michael Vick back from a three-game absence with broken ribs and beat Miami 26-10 and Jacksonville beat Tampa Bay 41-14.

The misery continued for Indianapolis, who fell to 0-13 with a 24-10 loss to Baltimore.

The Ravens, tied with Pittsburgh atop the AFC North, limited the Colts to 167 yards.

The Colts are now three defeats away from joining the 2008 Lions as the only NFL teams to go 0-16 in a season.

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NFL: Packers march on; Texans, Saints in playoffs

GREEN BAY (AFP) - The Green Bay Packers continued their march toward perfection with a 46-16 rout of Oakland on Sunday as Houston and New Orleans secured NFL playoff berths.

Aaron Rodgers threw for 281 yards and two touchdowns, Ryan Grant had two rushing touchdowns and Charles Woodson intercepted a pass against his former team as the Packers pummelled a Raiders team vying for the AFC West division title and took their record to 13-0.

The Packers were in such firm control that Rodgers went to the bench in the third quarter, allowing backup Matt Flynn to take over.

"This is the kind of game you want to play going into the playoffs," Rodgers said, although he seemed con-



Steven Jackson #39 of the St. Louis Rams scores against the Seattle Seahawks at CenturyLink Field December 12, 2011 in Seattle, Washington.

cerned about wide receiver Greg Jennings, who departed the contest with an apparent left knee injury in the third period.

"Well, it didn't look very good," Rodgers said. "So we'll see what the MRI says tomorrow. And hopefully, we've got a bye wrapped up, so he really has close to five weeks before our (playoff) game."

Houston squeaked out a 20-19 victory over Cincinnati to book the first playoff berth in club history.

Rookie T.J. Yates threw a six-yard touchdown pass with two seconds left and the Texans claimed the AFC South division crown minutes later when Tennessee fell 22-17 to New Orleans.

"It's pretty crazy," Yates said. "A lot of people in this organization have waited a long time for this. This is a special day for this team and this organization."

Saints quarterback Drew Brees helped make that happen, throwing two touchdown passes to Marques Colston in the fourth quarter of the win over the Titans. Brees joined Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas as the only quarterbacks to throw a touchdown pass in 40 straight games.

The Saints were assured of

a playoff berth when Chicago lost in overtime to Denver.

Tim Tebow again rallied

the Broncos for a victory, Matt Prater booting the game-winning 51-yard field goal with

8:34 remaining in overtime for a 13-10 win. Prater struck from 59 yards to tie the score with three seconds left in regulation.

It was a thriller in Dallas as well, as the New York Giants ended a four-game skid with a 37-34 victory over the Cowboys in a roller-coaster duel of NFC East division rivals.

Eli Manning guided the Giants to two touchdowns in the last four minutes.

The Cowboys appeared to tie the game with a 47-yard field goal as time expired. But the Giants had managed to call a timeout just before the kick. When Dan Bailey tried again, his effort was blocked by Giants defensive standout Jason Pierre-Paul.

The teams are now tied at 7-6 atop the division, but the Giants have an edge as they host the Cowboys in their season finale on New Year's Day.

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Street football World Championship in Aruba next year

At the close of the Happy Community Conference held here this past week, the government announced that they have reached an agreement

with football star Edgar Davids to hold a world championship street football event here in Aruba in the month of December. During the entire

year there will be street football tournaments organized that will ultimately culminate with the world championship. Edgar Davids has promised



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his support and assistance with the organization of the event and will also be present himself.

Davids who was a keynote speaker on the last day of the Happy Community Confer-

ence explained something of the work being done by the "Street Football League of the Netherlands (SVBN) in which he is directly involved.

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